

SENATE RESOLUTION 76
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Beulah Smith on the celebration of her 105th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to the remarkable individuals who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beulah Smith celebrated her 105th birthday on January 12, 1998, an occasion which was commemorated with great joy in remembering the past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, during Mrs. Smith's lifetime the automobile has replaced the horse-drawn carriage she remembers as a child; she often reminisces about the days before such modern conveniences and recalls memories from her youth in rural Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, this Kentucky native also speaks of her exemplary work as a rural school teacher in her home state; she fondly remembers the days she had to "climb fences" during her monthly rounds to visit each child's parents, noting that it had to "rain pretty heavy to stop me"; and

WHEREAS, after five years as a school teacher, Mrs. Smith married the love of her life, the late Daniel Blakemore Smith in 1922; the Smiths were the proud parents of three loving sons and one devoted daughter; and

WHEREAS, She became a distinguished resident of our state in 1964, when she moved to be closer to one of her sons, Dr. William N. Smith, who resides in Claiborne County; and

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WHEREAS, when asked about her 105 years, Mrs. Smith says, "I had a good home life, growing up. And, I think I have some of the finest children anyone could have"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith's energy, optimism, and enthusiasm have been an inspiration to all those privileged to know her; it can be said that the England Home's favorite senior is a woman whose passion for life is as vital today as it ever once was; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it highly appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby extend our congratulations to an outstanding Tennessean, Mrs. Beulah Smith, on the celebration of her one hundred fifth birthday and wish her many happy returns in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.